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By: <i>Genei Carter</i>	Date: <i>March 23, 2004</i>
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**Patent  
Mail Stop RCE**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re:	Patent Application of Futoshi Tanigawa et al.	: Group Art Unit: 1745
Conf. No.:	1498	:
Appln. No.	09/752,375	: Examiner: Gregg Cantelmo
Filed:	December 29, 2000	:
For:	PASTE TYPE POSITIVE ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, AND NICKEL- METAL HYDRIDE STORAGE BATTERY	: Attorney Docket No. 10059-365US (P23917-01)

**AFTER FINAL REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

This is a request under 37 CFR 1.114 for continued examination (RCE) of the above identified application in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003 (Paper No. 9) and the Advisory Actions mailed October 1, 2003 (Paper No. 11) and February 17, 2004 (Paper No. 02062004). Enclosed are the following in support of the RCE under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:

- ☐ Enter the unentered Amendment previously filed on &@ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the above application.
- ☒ An Amendment/Request for Reconsideration.
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A and cited references.
- ☐ New formal drawings.
- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time to March 24, 2004 for the pending application.
- ☐ Other: &@

The following fees are enclosed:

- ☒ RCE fee of \$770.00 required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e).
- ☒ Extension of time fee in the amount of \$420.00

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☒ Firm check(s) totaling \$1,190.00 are enclosed herewith.

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☐ In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required, but not enclosed, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to our Deposit Account noted above.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This Amendment is being filed in further response to the Final Office Action dated June 18, 2003 (Paper No. 9) and the Advisory Actions dated October 1, 2003 (Paper No. 11) and February 17, 2004 (Paper No. 02062004). This response is being timely filed by March 24, 2004 in lieu of an Appeal Brief in view of the filing of a Notice of Appeal on November 18, 2003 (received by the Patent Office on November 24, 2003) and the filing herewith of a Petition for Extension of Time (two months) including payment of fees. Further, the finality of Paper No. 9 has been removed in view of the simultaneous filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Please amend the application without prejudice as follows: